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1. A Soviet seaplane base is located at the northeastern end of Gryaznaya Bay, near Nikitin Point. There are two large concrete ramps running in an east-west direction. At the top of the ramps there are two huge hangars capable of housing many aircraft.
2. Several, at least three, flying boats were observed at the top of the ramps.
3. Between 40 and 50 twin-engined jet aircraft were observed, with wheels down, flying due south over Varlamova Bay. The same type of aircraft appeared flying north, but with wheels up.
4. A number of single-engined jet fighters were observed flying SE to NW and the reciprocal course over Murmansk.

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5.  described "a number" as dozens upon dozens. The fighters were described as flying at a very high speed, although the sound of the aircraft was much softer than that heard  in the West.

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